open the new scheme shortly in those areas of programming which are required as per programme needs.

Special financial grants for development of Guwahati

494. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any provision for special financial grants for the development of cities ;

(b) if so, what is the number of cities provided with such grants during 1986-87 and 1987-88; and

(c) whether special financial grant is proposed to be given to Guwahati during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) There is no scheme for providing special finacial grants for the development of cities. Funds for urban development are provided in the State Plans. Besides, central plan assistance is also provided under the 2 centrally sponsored schemes of integrated development of small and medium towns and urban basic services. Efforts are also made to obtain external assistance for appropriate specific projects. However, considering Bombay's acute problems of housing and slums it has been decided to provide non-plan assistance of Rs. 100 Crores to the Government of Maharasthra for this purpose. Moreover, the 9th Finance Commission in its First Report has also recommended special grants-in-aid for upgradation of standards of administration and special problems of the States. These grants include, *inter-alia*, provision of Rs. 50 Crores each to the Governments of Maharasthra and West Bengal for slum clearance and environmental improvement of slums and provision of basic amenities in Bombay and Calcutta, Rs. 10 Crore to the Govt. of J&K for restoration and protection of Dal Lake and Rs. 47 Crore for improvement of infrastructure in the newly created States of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram, Sikkim and Nagaland.

(c) No, Sir.

चीनी के मूल्यों में वृद्धि

495. श्री राम जेटमलानी :
सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :

क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गत कुछ माह के दौरान खुले बाजार में चीनी के मूल्य में भारी वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सामान्यतः संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों और विशेषतः दिल्ली में गत दो माह के दौरान चीनी के मूल्यों में कितनी वृद्धि हुई है ।

(ग) मूल्यों में इस वृद्धि के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) सरकार ने मूल्यों में इस वृद्धि को रोकने के लिये क्या उपाय किए हैं तथा इससे चीनी के बाजार मूल्यों पर कितना असर पड़ा है ?

खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय के मंत्री (श्री सुख राम) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) दिल्ली और पांडिचेरी में चीनी के थोक मूल्य निम्नानुसार चल रहे हैं:—